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From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Dec. 23.

Leewarden, Dec. 12.

AT a Countryman's in the Neighbourhood of Engwierem in East-Friesland, where the Ground is Clay for 5, 6, or 7 Foot deep, there happened the 12th of October the following remarkable Occurrence.

Two Labourers being busy in making a Well, and having digged to the Depth of 23 or 24 Foot, as they were boring the Earth, in order to dig about 5 or 6 Foot deeper, they heard all the Morning a great Noise, and the same Morning also issued out a sort of Flames 3 or 4 times, tho' but faintly, which afterwards ceased, as did likewise the Noise. This however was so unexpected, and so surprizing to the Labourers, that they made great Difficulty to go again to Work: However, the Countryman prevailed at last prevailed upon them to go down again; which being done, the Noise then increased, and they expected the Water would all of a sudden have come up with Force, and accordingly let down Buckets to draw up the Men; which they had scarce done, before they heard a Noise like the firing of a Pistol, and immediately after saw Fire and Flames ascend to the very Top, which so singed and burnt the Labourers, that they were forced to keep their Beds for several Weeks. A Daughter of the Countryman, as she was looking down the Well, and endeavouring to beat the Flames down with her Apron, had her Face also scorch'd and burnt, and some Corn at a Distance was also singed. The Flames lasted only some Minutes, but the Noise continued till the Evening, when the Water came up with much Force. It was at first very black, but in a little time after clear, bright, and good to drink. The Earth was also black that was digg'd out, but would not burn. All this has been by several Eye-witnesses attested for Truth before the Commissaries of the District.

London, Decem. 23. Mr. Lindsay, who was reduced to Half pay in the Lord Mark Ker's Regiment, is made Whole-pay Officer in the room of Mr. Trepsack.

Colonel Chartris is gone for Brussels, to bring over two of his material Witnesses in the Cause depending between him and Alderman Child, relating to the 5000 l.

James Scot, Esq; Member of Parliament for the Shire of Kincardine, and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, has sent 20 stout Fellows from Scotland, as Recruits for the said Regiment.

The Account of the general Bill of all the Christenings and Burials from the 10th of December 1728, to the 9th of December 1729. is thus:

Christened Males,	8736
Christened Females,	8324
In all,	17060
Buried Males,	14898
Buried Females,	14824
In all,	29722

CASUALITIES.

Broken Limbs,	4
Bruised,	3
Burnt,	3
Died for Want,	9
Died by cutting off their Limbs,	2
Drowned,	77
Excessive drinking,	24
Executed,	11
Found dead,	68
Killed by Falls and other Accidents,	51
Killed with a Sword,	1
Made away with themselves,	50
Murdered,	4
Overlaid,	87
Scalded,	5
Smothered,	4
Stabbed,	1
Strangled,	1
Total,	405

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DISEASES.

Aged,	2681
Consumption,	3544
Convulsion,	8359
Dropsy,	1049
Fevers, malignant and spotted, and Purples,	5235
Small Pox,	2849
Still-born,	497
Teeth,	1629
Under two Years old,	10735
Between two and five Years old,	2516
Five and Ten,	1056
Ten and Twenty,	999
Twenty and Thirty,	2371
Thirty and Forty,	2784
Forty and Fifty,	2698
Fifty and Sixty,	2338
Sixty and Seventy,	1938
Seventy and Eighty,	1375
Eighty and Ninety,	769
Ninety and upwards,	143

Brigadier Panton is appointed Governor of Dartmouth, in room of Col. George Groves deceased.

On Saturday last Amy Walker, Robert Knell and John Clark, who were confined for Printing and Publishing Mist's Journal of the 24th of August 728, were discharged, the Time of their Confinement being out.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 25.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

THeir Excellencies Mr. Stanhope and Mr. Walpole are daily expected at St. James's, 'tis said that the former was so successful in his Negociations at Seville, that even as soon as he delivered the Plan of the Treaty, the King of Spain accepted of it: But however that may be, the World must applaud the Measures taken by his Britannick Majesty and his Allies, in this Conclusion of the Treaty with Spain, as just and Necessary. Mean Time the Emperor, according to Accounts given from Abroad, seems throughly bent to oppose what is stipulated in the Treaty relating to Don Carlos, and that the general Expectation is, that a War will break out in Italy early in the Spring, when on the other Hand we shall have a Squadron ready to sail hence for the Mediterranean, to act in Conjunction with the Spaniards.

There was yesterday a Board at the Admiral-Office on special Affairs, at which Sir Charles Wager assisted; but on the same Day a Board of General Officers was held at the Horse Guards, to consider of the further Reduction of the Forces, which 'tis said, is to be 6 Men out of each Company. The same Day also there was a Board of Treasury, at the Treasury Office at the Cock-pit, when they adjourned for a Forthnight, and a new Commission of the Peace passed the Great Seal for the County of Middlesex, and another for the Liberty of Westminster.

We hear that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Stairs Lord Admiral of Scotland, and that his Excellency Horatio Walpole will be suddenly created a Peer of the Realm.

This Week died in the Fleet Prison Captain Francis Wyvel, he was first Captain on the List of the Officers of the Navy, being appointed the 28th September 1688.

By the Irish Mails just arrived, we learn that the Parliament of that Kingdom have ordered in Bills for better regulating the Offices of the Justices of the Peace, and for incapacitating Alderman Thomas Bolton, and Alderman Thomas Wilkinson from ever acting as Aldermen or Justices of the Peace of the City of Dublin.

We hear that last Night died Alderman Preston of Bridge Ward within, and that Sir Joseph Eyles, as also Mr. Brooks a Stationer on London Bridge, and another Gentleman, who is one of the Common Council Men, will stand Candidates for the Ward, and 'tis remarked the Contest is like to be greater, because the Majority on the Whigs Side in the Court of Aldermen is not now so great as it has formerly been.

It was expected that the French Mail would have brought the Emperor's Answer to the Invitation of France, to accede to the Treaty of Seville, but no News on that Subject is yet come. The Duke de Bornonville, first Plenipotentiary of Spain to the Congress at Soissons, has ordered the House which he had in Paris to be let, which makes it believed he will go no more thither in that Quality.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 25.

Hamburg, Dec. 23. At Thorn and other Places, where the Number of Protestants is any way considerable, a Declaration is published, importing, That no Dissident, as the Protestants are called there,

there, shall appear at any Procession upon occasion of the approaching Festival, on Pain of Death, or extravagant Fine, unless he will join in all the Devotions.

Wolfenbuttel, Dec. 23. An Ordinance of our Duke has been published here, for augmenting with one Battallion each Regiment of Foot, and with one Squadron each Regiment of Horse. Orders have been sent to six Regiments of Foot, and to four of the Cavalry, to be always at all Times ready to march.

Vienna, Decem. 17. We have no other Expectation, than that the Scene of War will again open in Italy early next Spring. Mean while an Express has been dispatched to M. Dahlman, our Minister at Constantinople, to acquaint him with the present Posture of Affairs. In Allusion to which the following Distich is handed about here:

Austriacas vires nescivit vincere Bourbon
Armis; nunc ficta vicit amicitia.

As much as to say: France could never get the better of the House of Austria in the Field, or by Dint of Sword; but has now found Means to do it by pretended Friendship.

London, Dec. 25. Alexander Rose, Esq; is made a Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons under the Command of General Ross.

Dover, Decem. 23. Yesterday his Excelleecy Horatio Walpole and his Lady arrived here from France, and this Morning set out for London. We hear his Excellency Mr. Stanhope is expected very soon.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 25.

Genoa, Dec. 3. Our Letters from Sicily inform us, that they are daily in Expectation of Recruits from Germany, to complete th'Imperial Regiments in that Kingdom. The Levies of Seamen in Spain are carrying on with all possible Vigour and Diligence.

Francfort, Dec. 22. Some Palatine Regiments are ordered to march towards the Austrian Netherlands, to reinforce the Garisons. They continue to raise a great many Recruits in the principal Cities of th' Empire. We have receiv'd Advice from Ratisbon, that M. de Chavigni, the French Minister at the Diet of the Princes of the Empire, delivered lately to the Assembly of the associate Circles, a Memorial, to give them fresh Assurances of the pacifick Intentions of his Most Christian Majesty, and to remove the Inquietude of the Princes and States of the Empire, on account of the Treaty of Seville.

Hanover, Dec. 22. The Peace between Spain and the Allies of Hanover, causes unexpressible Joy in this Place. The Differences between this Court and that of Berlin seem rather to increase than diminish: Nor do the Difficulties started on the Prussian Side promise any thing like a speedy Accommodation, tho' the Mediators are indefatigable; but 'tis feared that all their Labours will prove ineffectual.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30. They write from Francfort, that 9 Battallions, and 25 Squadrons are actually marched from the Hereditary Countries for Italy.

London, Decem. 25. The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon hath hired the House that the late Lord Whitworth lived at in Albemarle Street.

Last Monday a Woman who pretended to have a Child sucking at her Breast, stood at the End of Cabbage-Lane, begging Alms of People; and two Gentlemen passing by, after giving her an Alms, insisted to have a Sight of the Child, which she refused, saying its Face was scabby; but the Gentlemen insisted, and pull'd her Hood and Apron aside, when they found a Kitten sucking at her Breast; whereupon they carried her before a Justice of the Peace, who discharged her, it not appearing she had defrauded them, but only had Alms: But the Mob being very great, they threw her into a Pond, and there duck'd her so that she died Yesterday.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 25.

London, Decem. 25. The Elections for Common Council Men of this City are now over, excepting a Ward or two; and 'tis observe,d a great Majority has fallen on those HONEST CITIZENS, who have always been justly deem'd sincere and true Friends to their COUNTRY.

N B. Several Common Council Men which were deem'd *Faggots*, have been turned out.

Yesterday the R. Hon. the Earl of Selkirk, who arrived from France Sunday last, waited on His Majesty, and was most graciously received.

Edinburgh, Decem. 30. Our Representatives are setting out for London against the Meeting of the Parliament: Yesterday Henry Cuningham of Balquhan, Esq; went hence; as did this Day the Hon. Duncan Forbes, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate. Yesternight the Honourable JAMES GRANT of *Grant*, Esq; came to Town, on his way to London.

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On Sunday last died here Mr. William Scot, Professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh.

Haddington, Decem. 26, 1729.

Best Wheat, 09 00 00.	2d, 08 10 00.	3d, 08 00 00
Best Bear, 06 12 00.	2d, 06 08 00.	3d, 06 00 00
Best Oats, 06 12 00.	2d, 06 00 00.	3d, 05 16 00
Best Pease, 04 14 00.	2d, 04 10 00.	3d, 04 06 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†‖† That a Gentleman coming this Day from Borrowstounness to Edinburgh by the Ferry Road, dropt a Red Turkey Leather POCKET-BOOK, wherein were some Bills and other Papers, with a Five-Pound and 2 Twenty-Shilling Bank Notes. Whoever has found the same, and will return it to George Richardson Writer in Edinburgh, shall be generously rewarded.

By ADJOURNMENT,

¶‖¶ That the Lands of *Easter-Harburnhead*, of *L.* 538: 06, 08 Scots of yearly Rent, with a convenient Dwelling-House two Storeys high, with good and convenient Office-houses, all lately repaired, and some little planted inclosures. The Lands of *Wester-Harburnhead*, *L.* 266 13 04. *Middle-Muir*. *L.* 72 13 04; 16 Bolls Meal; lying contiguous. The Lands of *Dresselrig* and *Sandiegate*, *L.* 109 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, 1 Boll Oats; a Pendicle thereof call'd *Backstonsford*, *L.* 26 06 08 Money, 4 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Well heads* of *Williamston*, *L.* 191 02 04 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, yearly Rent; all lying in the Parishes of Mid and West Calders, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; all set to good and sufficient Tenants, at the above Rent, conform to Tacks. To be holden Feu of the Crown, or of the Right Honourable the Lord of Torphichen: ARE to be Rouped and Sold on Wednesday the Seventh of January next, in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, twixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, jointly or separately; as herero subjoined, in four different Parcels. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of JAMES SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Byres's Close. or George Dick Writer in Mid-Calder. *Nota.* The Lands are very improvable, being partly Muir and partly Dale-Lands; a Slate Quarey in the Lands of Easter-Harburnhead, Mosin several of the Mailings, and a Lime Quarey in Backstonefoord, and lying near to several Coal-heughs:

1. *Easter Harburnhead* and *Middlemuir*.
2. *Wester-Harburnhead*.
3. *Wellheadlands* of *Williamston*.
4. *Dresselrig*, *Sandygate* and *Backstonford*.

Nota. If any Person has a-mind to purchase upon reasonable Terms, before the Day of Roup, they may enquire at the said *James Scot*, or *George Dick*; at both which Places they may be treated with.

¶‖¶ That the Land and Barony of MARJORIBANKS (alias WEST CALDER) including the Lands of GARVIE-SIDE and BROTHERSTON, with a convenient Dwelling-house two Stories high, Officehouses and Doyecoat, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh. As likewise, the Lands of BYERS, in the Parish of Bathgate and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of 8 Merks yearly; extending the whole yearly Rent to 6000 Merks, or thereby, besides the Dovecoat: ARE to be Rouped and Sold upon Monday the 19th January next, in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Roup are be seen the Hands of *James Scot* Writer in Edr. at his House in Byer's Close.

†¶† That the TENEMENTS of LAND after mentioned, (lying within the City of Edinburgh) which belonged to the deceast *ROBERT STARK* Writer in Edinburgh, *viz.* A Tenement of Land in the Close called *The Back of Bess Wynd*, consisting of four Storeys, with Closets, Cellars and Garrets, being of yearly Rent about *L.* 24 06 08 sterl. and that other Tenement of Land in *Preston's Close*, commonly called *Stewart's Close*, on the North Side of the Street, near the Cross, consisting of five Storeys, and a Top or Garret-storey, with Closets and Cellars belonging thereto, paying *L.* 34 15 sh. sterl. of yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, by the Relict of the said deceast Robert Stark, as having Right thereto from her Husband; each of the said Tenements by themselves either in haill or in different Storeys, as Purchasers shall desire, upon the Eighth Day of January next, at Three of the clock after Noon, within the House of Mris. *Nicholson* Vintner in Edinburgh. The particular Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of *ADAM MERCER* Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Head of Libertton's Wynd.

¶†¶ These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Edinburgh FRIENDLY INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 12th of January next, in Mary's Chappel in Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, at three a Clock Afternoon.

¶ That on the Second of February next, there is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of *Alexander Primrose* in *Elphinstone*-Pans in Stirlingshire, a considerable Quantity of GROWING FIR-TREES of all Sizes, fit for any kind of Building, either in Wholesale or Parcels. Any Person may there buy, or give Proposals thereanent to the said Alexander Primrose, (who will shew the said Trees any Time before the Sale) or to Mr. *James Macewen* Bookseller in Edinburgh, at his Shop there, in order to be by Mr. Macewen transmitted to the Proprietor. The Fir-Trees grow within a Quarter a Mile of the Water of Forth, where Vessels of any Burden can be commodiously loaded at all Seasons.

¶‖¶ To be Sold, to the highest Bidder, at *Thornhill* in the Shire of Dumfries, on the 15th Day of January 1730 a large Wood of fine OLD OAK, growing on the Grounds of the Barony of Keir, about seven Miles distant from the Town of Dumfries. The Conditions of Sale to be seen in the Hands of JOHN DALRYMPLE of Waterside, at his House near Thornhill; JOHN NEILSON of Chapel, at his House in Dumfries; and THOMAS GOLDIE Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square Laun-market, Edinburgh.

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